

Prices Received by Farmers

The December 2014 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Wisconsin was \$3.67 per bushel. This was up \$0.06 from the November price but \$0.64 less than December 2013.

The December **soybean** price, at \$10.00 per bushel, was down \$0.10 from November and down \$3.10 from the previous December.

The December **oat** price was \$3.23 per bushel, down \$0.66 from the November price and \$0.96 below December 2013.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$150.00 per ton in December, down \$7.00 from November, and \$40.00 less than December 2013. The **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$165.00 per ton in December, down \$8.00 from November and down \$40.00 from the previous December. The **other hay** price averaged \$95.00, unchanged from November but a decrease of \$40.00 from last year.

Prices for replacement **milk cows** averaged \$2,160 per head in January.

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WISCONSIN		Dec. 2013	Nov. 2014	Dec. 2014
		Dollars		
Corn	bu	4.31	3.61	3.67
Hay, all baled	ton	190.00	157.00	150.00
Alfalfa	ton	205.00	173.00	165.00
Other	ton	135.00	95.00	95.00
Oats	bu	4.19	3.89	3.23
Potatoes, all ¹	cwt	10.30	(D)	(D)
Fresh ²	cwt	10.00	(D)	(D)
Processing	cwt	10.60	(D)	(D)
Soybeans	bu	13.10	10.10	10.00
Milk, all	cwt	22.00	24.40	20.80
Milk Cows ³	head	1,570	(NA)	2,160
UNITED STATES		Dec. 2013	Nov. 2014	Dec. 2014
		Dollars		
Corn	bu	4.41	3.58	3.78
Hay, all baled	ton	163.00	164.00	159.00
Alfalfa	ton	186.00	184.00	183.00
Other	ton	133.00	124.00	117.00
Oats	bu	3.59	2.96	3.20
Potatoes, all ¹	cwt	9.02	7.99	8.64
Fresh ²	cwt	9.87	8.37	8.68
Processing	cwt	8.64	7.75	8.58
Soybeans	bu	13.00	10.20	10.30
Milk, all	cwt	22.00	23.00	20.40
Milk Cows ³	head	1,440	(NA)	1,990
Calves	cwt	197.00	305.00	303.00
Cattle, all beef	cwt	130.00	167.00	164.00
Cows ⁴	cwt	83.40	115.00	115.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	132.00	169.00	166.00
Hogs, all	cwt	61.50	66.70	64.30
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	61.30	66.40	64.20
Sows	cwt	70.10	74.20	65.80
Eggs (market)	doz	1.21	1.37	1.66

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. 1/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 2/ Fresh market prices only. Includes table stock prices. 3/ Prices are for January 1, 2014, and January 1, 2015. Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

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Cattle Report

December Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$20.80 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in December 2014. This was down \$3.60 per cwt. from November and is the largest month to month drop in price since January 2009.

The U.S. milk price for December was \$20.40 per cwt, 40 cents lower than Wisconsin's price and \$2.60 lower than the November U.S. price. All of the 23 major milk producing states had a decrease in price from November to December. Minnesota had the greatest decrease, down \$3.80 to \$20.60 per cwt.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.5325 per pound on January 30, while barrels were \$1.5050 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.7500 per pound.

For the week ending January 24, 2015, the Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.5701 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.5594 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.5550 per pound.

Milk Prices¹

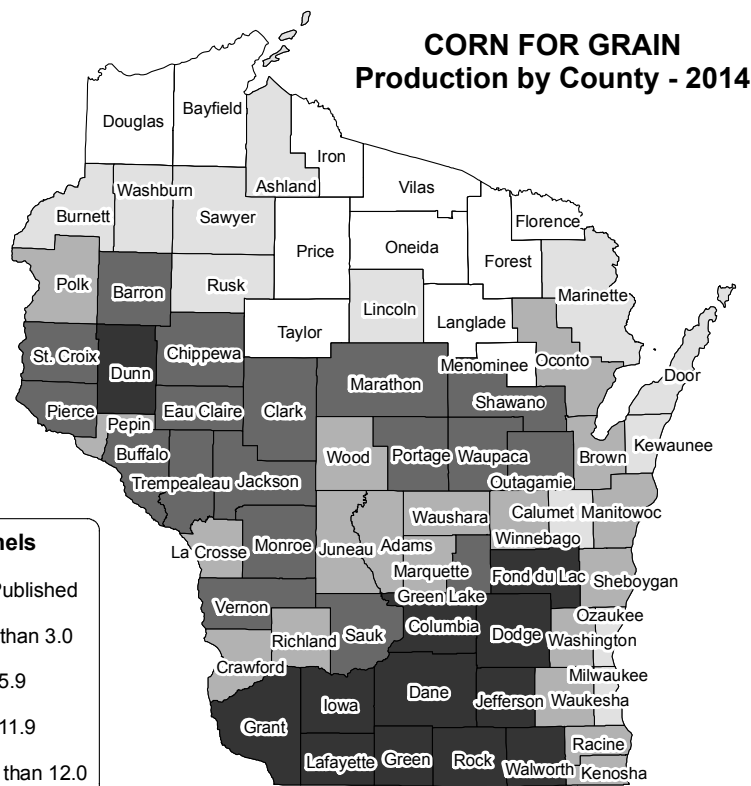
Selected states	December 2013		November 2014		December 2014	
	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	22.00	3.87	24.40	3.89	20.80	3.84
CA	20.81	3.88	20.53	3.81	17.71	3.87
ID	21.00	3.93	22.40	3.90	19.30	3.91
MI	22.10	3.85	23.00	3.77	20.50	3.83
MN	22.00	4.01	24.40	4.02	20.60	3.97
NM	20.90	3.71	21.10	3.73	19.40	3.70
NY	23.20	3.87	23.80	3.89	22.30	3.90
PA	23.70	3.86	24.30	3.83	22.60	3.86
TX	22.80	4.00	23.90	4.00	20.70	4.00
US	22.00	3.89	23.00	3.86	20.40	3.87

1/ Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

Special Note: Beginning January 2015, NASS will publish full-month price data only. In addition, the method for computing annual indexes is revised. For details, see: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide_to_NASS_Surveys/Prices/update2015.pdf.

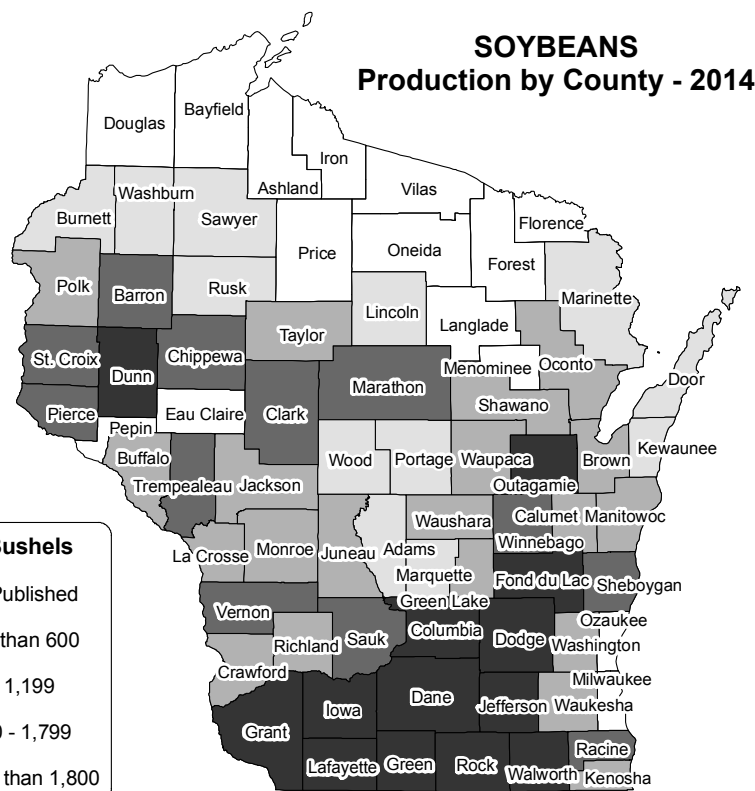
CORN FOR GRAIN: Acreage, Yield, and Production, By County, Wisconsin, 2014 ¹

County and District	All Corn Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production	County and District	All Corn Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production
	Acres		Bushels			Acres		Bushels	
Barron	88,000	68,800	116.9	8,040,000	Crawford	40,000	35,000	154.0	5,391,000
Burnett	12,000	7,750	95.0	736,000	Grant	166,000	143,200	176.3	25,247,000
Chippewa	91,900	76,900	126.8	9,750,000	Iowa	80,900	68,900	186.7	12,861,000
Polk	65,400	45,400	112.7	5,115,000	Lafayette	143,500	129,000	182.4	23,525,000
Rusk	23,400	15,800	99.0	1,564,000	Richland	46,500	34,300	155.1	5,321,000
Sawyer	7,000	4,950	127.9	633,000	Sauk	84,400	72,400	154.5	11,184,000
Washburn	11,700	8,450	96.7	817,000	Vernon	66,700	54,200	159.2	8,631,000
Other counties	2,600	1,950	148.7	290,000	Southwest	628,000	537,000	171.6	92,160,000
Northwest	302,000	230,000	117.2	26,945,000	Columbia	127,000	114,800	166.2	19,079,000
Ashland	2,100	910	95.6	87,000	Dane	191,500	177,700	180.7	32,107,000
Clark	82,700	49,400	133.6	6,602,000	Dodge	147,500	118,900	166.0	19,743,000
Lincoln	8,800	3,890	119.0	463,000	Green	110,000	90,500	177.4	16,051,000
Marathon	104,000	58,200	124.0	7,215,000	Jefferson	84,500	82,600	163.4	13,494,000
Other Counties	48,400	22,700	119.1	2,703,000	Rock	163,500	150,500	184.1	27,701,000
North Central	246,000	135,100	126.4	17,070,000	South Central	824,000	735,000	174.4	128,175,000
Marinette	35,100	24,600	112.4	2,765,000	Kenosha	33,100	27,900	174.9	4,879,000
Oconto	56,800	38,000	116.2	4,415,000	Milwaukee	1,400	1,400	126.4	177,000
Shawano	82,300	52,600	137.6	7,240,000	Ozaukee	17,600	10,200	143.3	1,462,000
Other Counties	14,800	7,700	114.9	885,000	Racine	35,300	32,700	172.7	5,648,000
Northeast	189,000	122,900	124.5	15,305,000	Walworth	108,500	102,900	187.4	19,280,000
Buffalo	69,900	59,900	148.3	8,886,000	Washington	33,000	22,000	150.6	3,313,000
Dunn	104,500	89,400	140.8	12,588,000	Waukesha	25,600	22,900	169.9	3,891,000
Eau Claire	48,200	40,800	149.2	6,086,000	Southeast	254,500	220,000	175.7	38,650,000
Jackson	52,400	45,200	149.5	6,759,000	Wisconsin	4,000,000	3,110,000	156.0	485,160,000
La Crosse	33,600	29,500	167.1	4,930,000	1/ Unlisted counties were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Unpublished data is included in "other counties."				
Monroe	60,700	41,000	147.2	6,035,000					
Pepin	30,100	20,700	147.7	3,058,000					
Pierce	86,300	70,100	144.5	10,128,000					
St Croix	99,800	76,800	135.4	10,395,000					
Trempealeau	93,500	75,600	158.3	11,970,000					
West Central	679,000	549,000	147.2	80,835,000					
Adams	29,300	26,900	130.3	3,504,000					
Green Lake	48,700	41,700	169.7	7,075,000					
Juneau	42,100	38,900	147.9	5,755,000					
Marquette	39,000	32,500	143.2	4,655,000					
Portage	50,200	42,000	153.7	6,455,000					
Waupaca	61,300	46,900	141.6	6,640,000					
Waushara	34,900	29,700	182.8	5,430,000					
Wood	32,000	20,400	148.6	3,031,000					
Central	337,500	279,000	152.5	42,545,000					
Brown	61,600	31,300	142.2	4,451,000					
Calumet	45,800	20,300	145.5	2,953,000					
Door	27,100	18,500	120.6	2,232,000					
Fond Du Lac	107,000	75,500	164.8	12,445,000					
Kewaunee	50,800	15,000	140.6	2,109,000					
Manitowoc	75,000	32,000	125.3	4,011,000					
Outagamie	74,800	48,300	133.7	6,458,000					
Sheboygan	51,400	28,800	142.6	4,107,000					
Winnebago	46,500	32,300	145.8	4,709,000					
East Central	540,000	302,000	144.0	43,475,000					



SOYBEANS: Acreage, Yield, and Production, By County, Wisconsin, 2014¹

County and District	Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production	County and District	Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production
	Acres		Bushels			Acres		Bushels	
Barron	38,900	38,600	35.9	1,387,000	Crawford	18,700	18,600	42.1	783,000
Burnett	4,100	4,090	28.1	115,000	Grant	66,300	66,200	54.3	3,594,000
Chippewa	43,100	42,600	35.0	1,489,000	Iowa	38,600	38,500	54.6	2,102,000
Polk	24,200	24,100	28.0	676,000	Lafayette	53,200	53,200	57.4	3,056,000
Rusk	9,600	9,510	27.8	264,000	Richland	16,400	16,400	42.9	704,000
Sawyer	1,900	1,890	21.8	41,200	Sauk	31,900	31,800	48.5	1,543,000
Washburn	5,800	5,710	20.0	114,000	Vernon	29,900	29,800	44.2	1,317,000
Other Counties	2,900	2,900	33.4	96,800	Southwest	255,000	254,500	51.5	13,099,000
Northwest	130,500	129,400	32.3	4,183,000	Columbia	45,300	45,200	49.9	2,255,000
Clark	31,600	31,500	39.4	1,242,000	Dane	79,000	78,800	50.0	3,937,000
Lincoln	5,600	5,420	31.0	168,000	Dodge	68,700	68,600	49.1	3,367,000
Marathon	46,800	46,500	36.0	1,673,000	Green	54,000	53,900	51.7	2,789,000
Taylor	20,600	20,500	33.2	681,000	Jefferson	51,900	51,700	49.3	2,549,000
Other Counties	1,900	1,880	30.3	57,000	Rock	92,100	91,800	52.7	4,834,000
North Central	106,500	105,800	36.1	3,821,000	South Central	391,000	390,000	50.6	19,731,000
Marinette	8,500	8,010	27.5	220,000	Kenosha	24,200	24,200	48.1	1,163,000
Oconto	25,400	25,200	26.7	674,000	Racine	37,200	37,100	46.7	1,732,000
Shawano	26,800	26,500	36.0	953,000	Walworth	55,300	55,300	53.5	2,961,000
Other Counties	8,300	7,890	27.4	216,000	Washington	20,200	20,200	46.7	944,000
Northeast	69,000	67,600	30.5	2,063,000	Waukesha	19,000	19,000	43.7	831,000
Buffalo	25,400	25,300	42.1	1,064,000	Other Counties	13,100	13,000	39.5	514,000
Dunn	52,900	52,700	40.8	2,148,000	Southeast	169,000	168,800	48.3	8,145,000
Jackson	23,300	23,200	42.5	985,000	Wisconsin	1,800,000	1,790,000	44.0	78,760,000
La Crosse	12,800	12,800	47.6	609,000	1/ Unlisted counties were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Unpublished data is included in "other counties."				
Monroe	20,500	20,400	42.2	860,000					
Pierce	37,800	37,700	44.1	1,664,000					
St. Croix	41,700	41,600	38.7	1,611,000					
Trempealeau	30,000	29,800	43.3	1,290,000					
Other Counties	37,600	37,500	42.0	1,575,000					
West Central	282,000	281,000	42.0	11,806,000					
Adams	13,300	13,200	43.3	571,000					
Green Lake	16,200	16,100	51.0	821,000					
Juneau	23,400	23,300	42.1	982,000					
Marquette	12,900	12,800	40.4	517,000					
Portage	12,600	12,500	39.8	497,000					
Waupaca	25,100	24,600	34.8	855,000					
Waushara	14,000	13,900	50.0	695,000					
Wood	15,500	14,000	41.9	587,000					
Central	133,000	130,400	42.4	5,525,000					
Brown	20,900	20,800	35.7	743,000					
Calumet	24,700	24,400	39.1	953,000					
Door	13,500	13,400	32.5	436,000					
Fond Du Lac	44,200	44,100	46.4	2,047,000					
Kewaunee	13,500	13,400	35.8	480,000					
Manitowoc	27,700	27,600	36.1	996,000					
Outagamie	54,800	54,300	33.9	1,841,000					
Sheboygan	28,300	28,200	42.7	1,205,000					
Winnebago	36,400	36,300	46.4	1,686,000					
East Central	264,000	262,500	39.6	10,387,000					



Wisconsin Cattle Inventory Up

All **cattle and calves** in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2015, totaled 3.50 million head, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle* report. This is up 100,000 head from January 1, 2014. **Beef cows**, at 275,000 head, were 10 percent above last year. **Milk cows**, at 1.28 million were up 5,000 head from last year.

All **heifers 500 pounds and over**, at 840,000 head, were up 2 percent from last year. **Heifers for beef cow replacement** were up 7 percent to 75,000 head; **heifers for milk cow replacement**, at 710,000 head were up 4 percent from the previous year; and **all other heifers** were down 15,000 head to 55,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were down 1 percent from last year at 375,000 head. **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** were up 5,000 head from a year ago at 35,000 head. **Calves under 500 pounds** on January 1, 2015, totaled 700,000 head, up 8 percent from last year.

The 2014 **calf crop** was estimated at 1.40 million head, up 4 percent from the 2013 calf crop. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2015 totaled 260,000 head, unchanged from one year ago.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, Wisconsin and United States, January 1, 2014 & 2015

Class	Wisconsin			United States		
	2014	2015	Change	2014	2015	Change
	1,000 hd		Percent	1,000 hd		Percent
All cattle & calves	3,400	3,500	+3	88,526	89,800	+1
All cows that have calved	1,520	1,550	+2	38,293	39,000	+2
Beef cows	250	275	+10	29,085	29,693	+2
Milk cows	1,270	1,275	n.c.	9,208	9,307	+1
Heifers 500 lbs & over	820	840	+2	18,969	19,240	+1
For beef cow replacement	70	75	+7	5,551	5,777	+4
For milk cow replacement	680	710	+4	4,549	4,615	+1
Other heifers	70	55	-21	8,869	8,847	n.c.
Steers 500 lbs & over	380	375	-1	15,668	15,779	+1
Bulls 500 lbs & over	30	35	+17	2,038	2,104	+3
Calves under 500 lbs	650	700	+8	13,558	13,677	+1
Cattle on Feed ¹	260	260	n.c.	13,018	13,093	+1
	2013	2014	Change	2013	2014	Change
Calf crop	1,350	1,400	+4	33,730	33,900	+1

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.



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